

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 3369

AN ORDINANCE adopting into the Bellevue City Code the state requirements that children under five years of age who are passengers in a vehicle owned and operated by their parent or legal guardian be properly secured by a passenger restraint device, and adding a new section 11.52.080 to the Bellevue City Code.

WHEREAS, enforcement of the state statute requiring the use of protective passenger restraints for children under the age of five will be more efficient if the same requirement is enacted as the law of the City; and

WHEREAS, the state requirement of protective child restraints became operative after December 31, 1983 and the City desires to support such protective legislation by making it part of the City traffic code; now, therefore

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A new Section 11.52.080 is hereby added to the Bellevue City Code to read as follows:

11.52.080 PROTECTIVE CHILD RESTRAINTS

- A. Restraints Required. Any child less than five years of age who is a passenger in a vehicle owned and operated by the child's parent or legal guardian must be properly secured by a child passenger restraint approved by the state commission on equipment, provided that a properly adjusted and fastened, federally approved seat belt is deemed sufficient to meet the requirements of this section for children one through four years of age.
- B. Warnings. A verbal warning may be given to a parent or legal guardian violating subsection A of this section during the period of time between January 1, 1984 until July 1, 1984.
- C. Infraction - Penalty. On July 1, 1984 and thereafter, a parent or legal guardian violating subsection A of this section may be issued a Notice of Traffic Infraction, provided that where the person to whom the Notice of Infraction was issued presents to the Traffic Division of the Bellevue Police Department proof of acquisition of an approved child passenger restraint within seven days of the date of issuance of the Notice, the Notice of Traffic Infraction shall be dismissed by the City. Any parent or legal guardian failing to present proof of acquisition within the time required is subject to a penalty assessment of not less than thirty dollars.

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Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after final passage by the City Council.

PASSED by the City Council this 7th day of May, 1984, and signed in authentication of its passage this 7th day of May, 1984.

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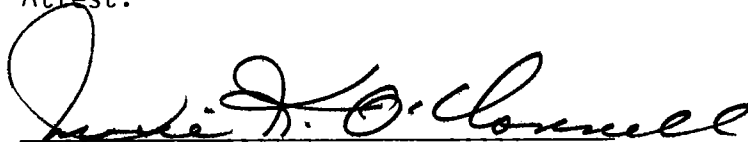

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